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****SENTENCING GUIDELINES ALERT****

At the June 18, 2019 meeting, the Sentencing Commission re-ranked the offense of **Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Prior Crime of Violence** (D.C. Code § 22-4503(a)(1), (b)(1)). The offense, which was formerly ranked in Master Group 6, is now ranked in Master Group 7. The new ranking will be effective on July 15, 2019 and reflected in the 2019 Guidelines Manual which will be published in July. **Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the Court shall apply the new ranking to pleas/verdicts entered on or after July 15, 2019.**

This change affects not only the in-the-box sentencing range but also the scoring of prior convictions for this offense. When calculating a defendant's criminal history score, **a non-lapsed/revived Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Prior Crime of Violence conviction will now be worth 2 points (1 point if lapsed and revived).** The updated Appendix C/C-I listing is attached to this alert.

As with any modification to the Guidelines, practitioner feedback is always welcome. Feel free to forward any questions or comments to the Commission at scdc@dc.gov or (202) 727-8822.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Attachment I
 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Prior Crime of Violence, Appendix C/C-I Listing

Offense	D.C. Official Code	Offense Severity Group	Maximum Statutory Penalty (Years)	Backup Time (Years)	Maximum prison term that can be imposed (years)	Supervised Release If > 1 year, years If ≤ 1 year, up to years	Minimum (Years)	Violent/Dangerous	Fine (Dollars)
Firearm, Unlawful Possession of by a person with a prior conviction > 1 yr and COV other than Conspiracy	22-4503(a)(1)(b)(1)	M 7	15	2	13	3	M3		37,500